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COOPERATION MEETINGS OF 12-16 JANUARY AND NEWSPAPER

ARTICLE ON THE RELATED IPOD AGREEMENT SIGNING

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1. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A PRESS COMMUNIQUE ON SUBJECT CONFERENCES RELEASED AMONG SEVERAL OTHER GOF STATEMENTS BY THE MFA ON 16 JANUARY 1976:

" THE GROUP FOR THE COORDINATION OF FRENCH-U.S.A. SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION IS MEETING THIS WEEK IN PARIS. MR. EDWARD DAVID, FORMER SCIENTIFIC COUNSELOR OF THE WHITE HOUSE, WHO HAS JUST BEEN APPOINTED COORDINATOR FOR THE AMERICAN PART, WAS WELCOMED ON THE 12TH BY MR. JEAN LALOY, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RELATIONS AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MR. DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. ALLEN ASTIN, WHO, UP TO THIS DATE, PLAYED THE ROLE OF AMERICAN COORDINATOR.

ON THE FRENCH SIDE, THE COORDINATORS ARE MR. JEAN LALOY AND MR. HUBERT CURIEN, GENERAL DELEGATE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH (DGRST).

THE COORDINATION GROUP WAS CREATED IN 1969 FOLLOWING A JOINT DECISION OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO DEVELOP COOPERATION BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMUNITIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES (CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN GENERAL DE GAULLE AND PRESIDENT NIXON).

THE FRENCH-AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROGRAM INCLUDES MANY PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT DIRECTLY BY THE RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE COORDINATION GROUP FOR THIS PROGRAM HAS A VERY FLEXIBLE AND INFORMAL STATUS AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GATHERING INFORMATION ON PROJECTS UNDER WAY, CONTRIBUTING TO THE COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES AND TAKING INITIATIVES OR GIVING NEW STIMULUS AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

THE PRESENT MEETING INCLUDES A DAY OF WORK AT THE QUAI D'ORSAY ON THE 13TH AS WELL AS VISITS OF LABORATORIES AND FRENCH SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS (CNRS, INSTITUT PASTEUR, BRGM, THOMSON-CSF). (NOTE ADDED: CNRS IS THE GOF'S BASIC RESEARCH AGENCY; BRGM IS THE GOF'S MINING AND GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AGENCY; THOMSON-CSF IS A LARGE ELECTRONICS COMPANY.)

AMONG THE MAIN NEW THEMES OF COOPERATION, THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY NOTED: IN THE MEDICAL RESEARCH AREA, EXTENSION TO THE CANCER FIELD, THE IPOD PROGRAM (INTERNATIONAL PHASE OF OCEAN DRILLING), THE THEME "IMPROVEMENT OF WORKING CONDITIONS," THE TREATMENT OF ORES, AND, IN ADDITION, MECHANISMS TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH WILL ALSO BE STUDIED JOINTLY.

MR. MICHEL D'ORNANO, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH, WILL RECEIVE THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ON THE 14TH OF JANUARY TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS FROM THESE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS."

2. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE NEWSPAPER FIGARO ARTICLE DATED JANUARY 17 ON THE FRENCH-AMERICAN OCEANOGRAPHIC EXPLORATION PROJECT IPOD:

"A FRENCH-AMERICAN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WAS SIGNED THURSDAY IN PARIS. IT SETS FORTH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE FRENCH OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMUNITY IN THE INTERNATIONAL PHASE OF OCEAN DRILLING OF THE DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT BEGUN IN 1968 BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE

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FOUNDATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE ANNUAL FRENCH CONTRIBUTION WILL BE \$1 MILLION. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, BESIDES THE U.S. AND FRANCE, ARE THE SOVIET UNION, JAPAN, AND GREAT BRITAIN, WITH GERMANY SOON TO BE ADDED.

TESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE RESEARCH SHIP GLOMAR CHALLENGER EQUIPPED FOR DRILLING AT A DEPTH OF MORE THAN 1,500 METERS UNDER SEVERAL THOUSAND METERS OF

WATER. THREE EXPEDITIONS ARE SCHEDULED IN EUROPEAN
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